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SUBJ: LAST WORKING DAY OF ECLA SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: ECLA CONCLUDED LAST WORKING SESSION WITH ADOPTION OF MANY DIFFERENT RESOLUTIONS. U.S. STOOD VIRTUALLY ALONE IN A SERIES OF NO VOTES.

2. ECLA STRUCTURE-EXCLUSIVITY ISSUE: IN COMMITTEE II, US ANNOUNCED IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION ASSIGNING FUNCTIONS ON INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND POPULATION TO HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE OF EXPORTS (REF A). MEXICO ATTEMPT TO DELETE PROVISIONAL CHARACTER OF ARRANGEMENTS FAILED BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION NOT ONLY FROM US, BUT MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANTLY FROM LATINS (ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL), FRENCH,

AND SECRETARIAT (IGLESIAS TOOK ACTIVE PART IN BEHIND SCENES NEGOTIATIONS.) SAME FORCES PREVENTED MEXICO FROM AMENDING RESOLUTION ON STUDY OF ECLA MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES WITH REFERENCES TO NIEO AND CERDS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

3. IN AFTERNOON PLENARY, ECLA ADOPTED TRADITIONAL TORRENT OF RESOLUTIONS. MOST IMPORTANT CONCERNED CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PLACING POPULATION, SCIENCE/TECH AND INDUSTRY UNDER EXISTING HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE OF EXPORTS AND A PROPOSED ECLA STUDY OF ITS FUTURE MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES. AMONG OTHER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WERE THOSE ON TRANSPORT AND ON PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS. THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON USDEL STOOD VIRTUALLY ALONE OPPOSING OR ABSTAINING ON NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF. ON CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE, ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED BY CUBANS RESULTED IN 23-1(US)-0. UK MADE STATEMENT FOLLOWING VOTE INDICATING UK MAY CONSULT IN FUTURE REGARDING CONSEQUENCES OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR BRITISH TERRITORIES IN THE CARIBBEAN. FRANCE VOICED OBJECTION TO BEING BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION DESPITE SEVERAL FRENCH POSSESSIONS IN CARIBBEAN. US EXPLAINED NO VOTE ON BASIS EXCLUSION. ON ECLA TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS VOTE WAS 24-1(US)-0. CANADA AND UK EXPLAINED YES VOTES ON BASIS OF "TEMPORARY" NATURE OF ARRANGEMENT. US REITERATED REASON FOR OPPOSITION. RESOLUTION ON ECLA STUDY OF FUTURE ORGANIZATION AND MECHANISMS DRAFTED BY US AS PART OF EARLIER COMPROMISE ATTEMPT (REFTEL A) WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. MEXDEL SAID THAT IN SPIRIT OF NON-CONFRONTATION HE CHOSE NOT TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS/NIEO BUT RATHER TO URGE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION IN THIS SPIRIT. ON TRANSPORT ITEM USDEL MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO DELETE OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPH (PER REF B). VOTE ON ENTIRE RESOLUTION WAS 22-01-1(US. ON RESOLUTION ON PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS VOTE WAS 3 AGAINST (US, UK, CANADA), AND ONE ABSTENTION (FRANCE).

4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON STUDY OF FUTURE ORGANIZATION AND MECHANISMS OF ECLA WITH STATEMENT CONCERNING IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO CURRENT EXAMINATION OF UN ORGANIZATION AND PRESENT AND FUTURE OF ECLA.
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